

## NANCY HANKS, 2:04.

HER REMARKABLE PEDIGREE AND RECORDS OF HER ANCESTORS.

"Happy Medium" the Sire of the Queen of the Tenth and Eighty-five Others—Her Last End—Disposition.

(Written for the Dispatch.)

All the world in general knows that Nancy Hanks, the "bay mare," holds the world's trotting record of 2:04, not for one race, but for a whole season, and the history of her life and her family, perhaps it is not too much to say, is one of the most interesting to the readers of the Dispatch, and also learn a little about her ancestors. And in order to make the story correct, I shall be obliged to go back some thirty years.

The year 1853 Chicago was a city of about 30,000 inhabitants, but even then it was a city of many good horses. At that time the writer was connected with the Chicago Central railroad. My brother, John Hanks, was a member of the Chicago Central racing club, and he was a great lover of the horse. David Hanks, who was a brother of John, was a great lover of the horse, and he was a great lover of the horse. David Hanks, who was a brother of John, was a great lover of the horse, and he was a great lover of the horse.

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## VIRGINIA SKETCHES.

HISTORICAL MANSIONS AND SCENES ALONG THE JAMES RIVER.

An Interesting Interview with Major A. H. Drewry—James Jackson, a Black Slave, and the N. Y. Zouaves.

(Continued from the Richmond Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VA., March 31.—When in knickerbockers I often read John Estlin Cooke's "Stories of the Old Dominion," and more than once I have been reminded of the "broad stream of the James," which has come to be one of the most historic rivers in the annals of American history. Years rolled by, I put on long pants, and one bright, bracing morning in February, 1893, I found myself on the Ariel steaming out from Norfolk.

The long, winding channel here and there like restless spirits from some distant world, while hundreds of ducks rolling on the waves seemed to say: "We have a corner on the sea, if not on the land." The steamer glided through Hampton Roads, and I was in the cradle of the deep as the vessel's prow steadily divided the golden waters.

Now I am passing the site of Jamestown, and see the ruins of the old colonial church, all that remains to tell the story of the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

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